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Dear Sirs:

I am writing to urge you to require that all food products that have been irradiated, or which include any ingredients that have been irradiated, be prominently labeled with a declaration of this fact. I believe consumers have a right to choose whether or not to use irradiated products, and I personally will go out of my way to avoid them.

I realize that some products, such as pineapples from Hawaii, are unlabeled and would strongly hope there could be a provision for a requirement that a sign be posted with them, indicating clearly that they have been irradiated.

Please insist upon use of the word "irradiation" and not allow some euphemisms such as cold pasteurized or electronically pasteurized. I strongly support strengthening irradiation label requirements. We consumers have a right to know!

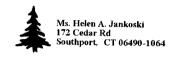
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